

## HEALTH CARE REFORM LEGISLATION: ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS FOR RURAL SMALL BUSINESSES AND THE RURAL ECONOMY

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Development of Rural Enterprises, Exports, and the Environment continued hearings on Health Care Reform Legislation: Economic Implications for Rural Small Businesses and the Rural Economy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## UNITED STATES-CHINA ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported adversely H.S. 4590, United States-China Act of 1994.

## WELFARE REFORM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources, continued hearings on aspects of Welfare Reform, with discussion of H.R. 4605, Work and Responsibility Act of 1994 and emphasis on parental responsibility. Testimony was heard from Representatives Richardson, Franks of Connecticut, Fingerhut, Fowler, Payne of New Jersey and Barca of Wisconsin; J. Samuel Griswold, Director, Department of Social Services, State of South Carolina; Robert Melia, First Deputy Commissioner, Department of Revenue, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

## UNITED STATES-CHINA ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on H.R. 4590, United States-China Act of 1994. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pelosi and Solomon; the following officials of the Department of State: Peter Tomsen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; Charlene Barshefsky, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Jeffrey Garten, Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### OMNIBUS CRIME BILL

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3355, to allow grants to increase police presence, to expand and improve cooperative efforts between law enforcement agencies and members of the community to address crime and disorder problems, and otherwise to enhance public safety.

## APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN OPERATIONS

*Conferees* continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4426, making appropriations for foreign operations,

export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995.

## APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

*Conferees* on Wednesday, July 27, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4453, making appropriations for military construction for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995.

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*Friday, July 29, 1994*

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages 18632–18718*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2336–2342.

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### Measures Passed:

*Adjournment Waiver:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 275, waiving the requirement in section 132 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 that the Congress adjourn sine die not later than July 31 of each year.

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**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States: Transmitting a report on a national emergency under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–137).

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 87 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 242), Stephen G. Breyer, of Massachusetts, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Kenneth W. Kizer, of California, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years.

Peter J. Osetek, of Arizona, to be Commissioner on Navajo and Hopi Relocation, Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, for a term of two years.

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**Messages From the President:**

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**Messages From the House:**

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Recess: Senate convened at 8:45 a.m., recessed at 4:01 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Monday, August 1, 1994. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page 18718.)

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee continued in evening session to mark up H.R. 4650, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995.

### WHITEWATER MATTERS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee held hearings to examine certain legal issues with regard to the Whitewater Development Company, Inc., and Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, receiving testimony from William Colombell and Lawrence Monroe, both Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Cheryl Braun, Sergeant, and John Rolla, Investigator, both of the United States Park Police, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; New York City Chief Medical Examiner Charles Hirsch, New York, New York; and Northern Virginia Deputy Chief Medical Examiner James Beyer, Fairfax.

Hearings continue on Monday, August 1.

### AUTHORIZATION—FCC

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 2336, authorizing funds for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), after receiving testimony from Reed E. Hundt, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission.

### URUGUAY ROUND

*Committee on Finance:* Committee continued consideration of proposed legislation to implement the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, August 2.

### VIDEO GAME RATINGS

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Regulation and Government Information held joint hearings with the Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice to examine the need to establish rating standards for electronic video games and other media, receiving testimony from Jack Heistand, Electronic Arts,

San Mateo, California, on behalf of the Interactive Digital Software Association; Mary Ellen Fise, Consumer Federation of America, Robert Chase, National Education Association, and Mark Traphagen, Software Publishers Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Chuck Kerby, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, Arkansas; and Steve Koenigsberg, American Amusement Machine Association, Elk Grove, Illinois.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 2238, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, after receiving testimony from Justin Dart, Jr., Chairman, Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (Bush Administration), Richard Womack, AFL-CIO, Robert H. Knight, Family Research Council, and Chai R. Feldblum, Georgetown University Law Center, on behalf of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, all of Washington, D.C.; Joseph E. Broadus, George Mason University School of Law, Fairfax, Virginia; Steve Coulter, Pacific Bell, San Francisco, California; Cheryl Summerville, Bremen, Georgia; Ernest Dillon, Detroit, Michigan; and Warren Phillips, Long Island, New York.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** Five public bills, H.R. 4857–4861; two private bills, H.R. 4862–4863; and two resolutions, H.J. Res. 395 and H. Con. Res. 275, were introduced. Page 18630

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 4003, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1995 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation; to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended; and to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine, amended (H. Rept. 103–544, Pt. II);

H.R. 4008, to authorize appropriations for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fiscal years 1994 and 1995, amended (H. Rept. 103–583, Pt. II); and

H.R. 3396, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide security for workers, to improve pension plan funding, to limit growth in insurance exposure, to protect the single-employer plan termination insurance program, amended (H. Rept. 103–632, Pt. I). Page 18630

**Legislative Reorganization Act Waiver:** House agreed to H. Con. Res. 275, waiving the requirement in section 132 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 that

the Congress adjourn sine die not later than July 31 of each year.

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H. Res. 495, under which the resolution was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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**Small Business Reauthorization:** By a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 161 noes, Roll No. 365, the House agreed to H. Res. 494, the rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 4801, to amend the Small Business Act. Agreed to order previous question on the resolution by a year-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 169 nays, Roll No. 364.

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**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of August 1. Agreed to adjourn from Friday to Monday.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of August 3.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page 18605.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One year-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on page 18622. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Subcommittee on Health and the Environment approved for full Committee action as amended the following bills: H.R. 2305, U.S./Mexico Border Health; H.R. 4728, Medical Device User Fee Act of 1994; and H.R. 4160, Orphan Drug Act Amendments of 1994.

### OVERSIGHT

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance and the Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a joint oversight hearing on proposals to lift the current diversification restrictions on telecommunication activities of registered public utility companies. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth A. Moler, Chair, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Richard Y. Roberts, Commissioner, SEC; Michael L. Katz, Chief Economist, FCC; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

**Committee on Natural Resources:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4266, to expand the boundaries of the Stones River National Battlefield in Tennessee, and

H.R. 4821, to establish the Honey Springs National Battlefield and Washita Battlefield National Historic Site in the State of Oklahoma. Testimony was heard from Representatives Synar, Gordon, and Lucas; Jerry L. Rogers, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; David Walters, Governor, State of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT

**Committee on Natural Resources:** Subcommittee on Native American Affairs held an oversight hearing on Indian Self-Determination Act Regulations. Testimony was heard from Senator McCain; Bonnie Cohen, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior; Michel Lincoln, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

**Committee on Rules:** Ordered reported as amended H.R. 4822, Congressional Accountability Act.

### WELFARE REFORM

**Committee on Ways and Means:** Subcommittee on Human Resources continued hearings on aspects of Welfare Reform, with discussion of H.R. 4605, Work and Responsibility Act of 1994, emphasis on early childbearing. Testimony was heard from Representatives Mfume, Norton, Menendez, and Orton; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

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### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

**Conferees** met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4301, to authorize funds for fiscal year 1995 for national defense programs, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, August 2.

### PEACE PLAN FOR NAGORNO-KARABAKH

**Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission):** Commission met to receive a briefing on a proposed peace plan for Nagorno-Karabakh from Ambassador John J. Maresca.

Commission recessed subject to call.